

DECLARATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION,  
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and that I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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the specification of which

(CHECK ONE)  (xx) is attached hereto.  
 ( ) was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, Application Serial. No.  
and was amended on .

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent, utility model, design or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application(s) on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed	
Number	Country	Date Filed	Yes	No
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC 120 of any US Application(s) listed below, and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this Application is not disclosed in the prior US application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56(a).

Serial No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Filed: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under of 18 USC 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I hereby appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Joseph S. Tripoli (Reg. No. 26,040), Eric Herrmann (Reg. No. 29,169) and Joseph J. Laks (Reg. No. 27,914) Telephone: (609) 734-9813.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Philippe BERTHAUD et al.  
Serial No. :  
Filed : Herewith  
For : Laser Welding For Drum Base  
Art Unit :

APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY/AGENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In the above-identified application, I hereby appoint Francis A. Davenport, Registration No. 36,316 whose post office address is, Patent Operations, Patent Operations, Thomson Multimedia Licensing, Inc., PO. Box 5312, Princeton, NJ 08543-0028, as my Associate Agent, with full power to prosecute the above-identified application, to make alterations and amendments therein, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

By

  
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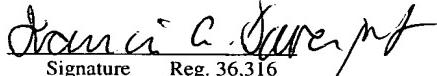
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*To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.*

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ASSIGNMENT OF APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES LETTER PATENT

WHEREAS Philippe Berthaud, 6 rue des Gerbes d'Orge, F-89700 Tonnerre, France; Michel Perrot, 25 Route de Tonnerre, F-89700 Collan, France; hereinafter (collectively) referred to as the assignor, has invented a certain improvement relating to

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for which said assignor has caused an application for United States Letters Patent to be prepared,

- (xx) the inventor's declaration for said application being executed concurrently with the execution of this instrument; said application to be filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office;
- ( ) said application having been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on Serial Number ;

AND WHEREAS

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hereinafter referred to as the assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and in and to said invention and any and all patents which may be granted therefor, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof;

NOW THIS WITNESSETH, that for good and valuable consideration paid by said assignee to said assignor, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, said assignor hereby assigns, sells and transfers to said assignee, and said assignee's successors and assigns, the entire and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and in and to said invention and any and all patents which may be granted therefor, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof; said assignee, and said assignee's successors and assigns, to have, hold, exercise and enjoy the said application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and the said invention and any and all patents which may be granted therefor, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof, with all the rights, powers, privileges and advantages in anywise arising from or appertaining thereto, for and during the term or terms of any and all such patents when granted, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof, for the use and benefit of said assignee, and said assignee's successors and assigns, in as ample and beneficial a manner as the said assignor might or could have held and enjoyed the same, if this assignment had not been made.

AND said assignor hereby agrees to perform, upon the request of said assignee, or said assignee's successors or assigns, any and all acts relating to the obtaining or to the asserting of said patents, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof.

AND said assignor authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue Letters Patent on said application, and on any and all divisions and continuations thereof, to said assignee, and said assignee's successors and assigns, in accordance herewith.

EXECUTED, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of JANUARY, 2002.

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